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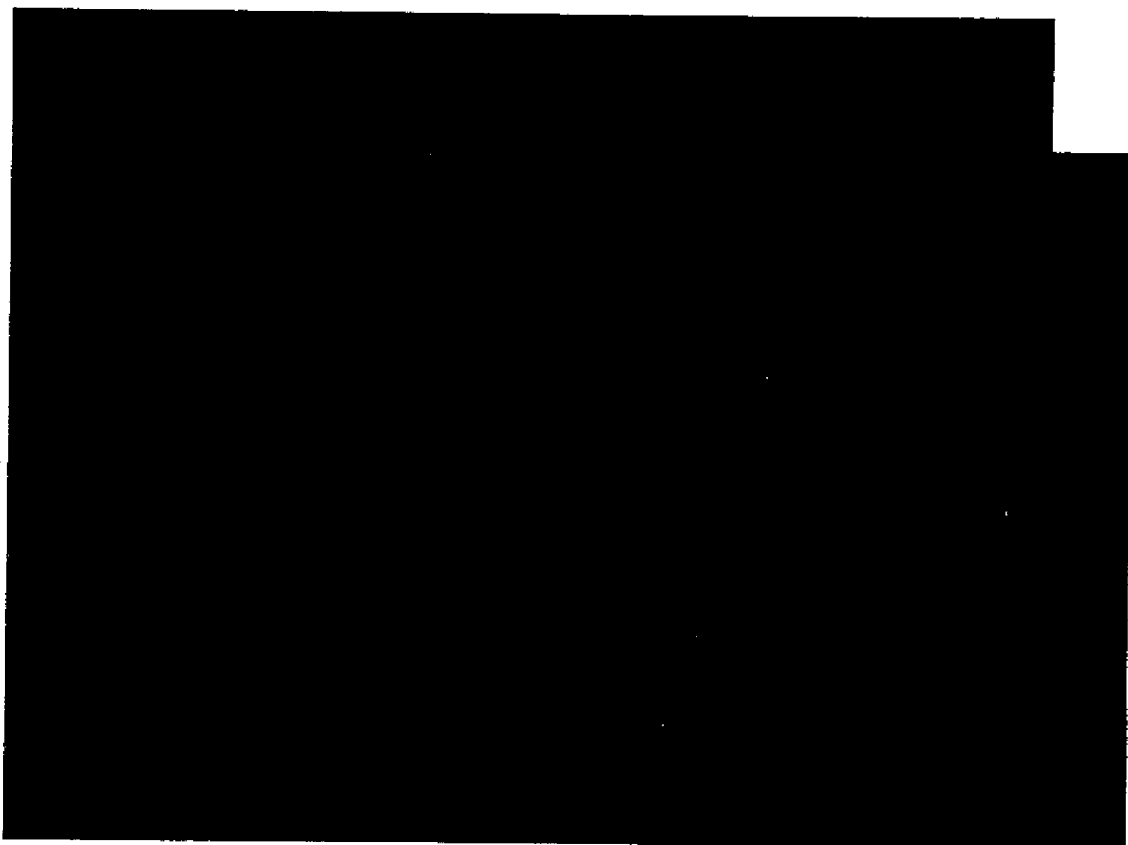
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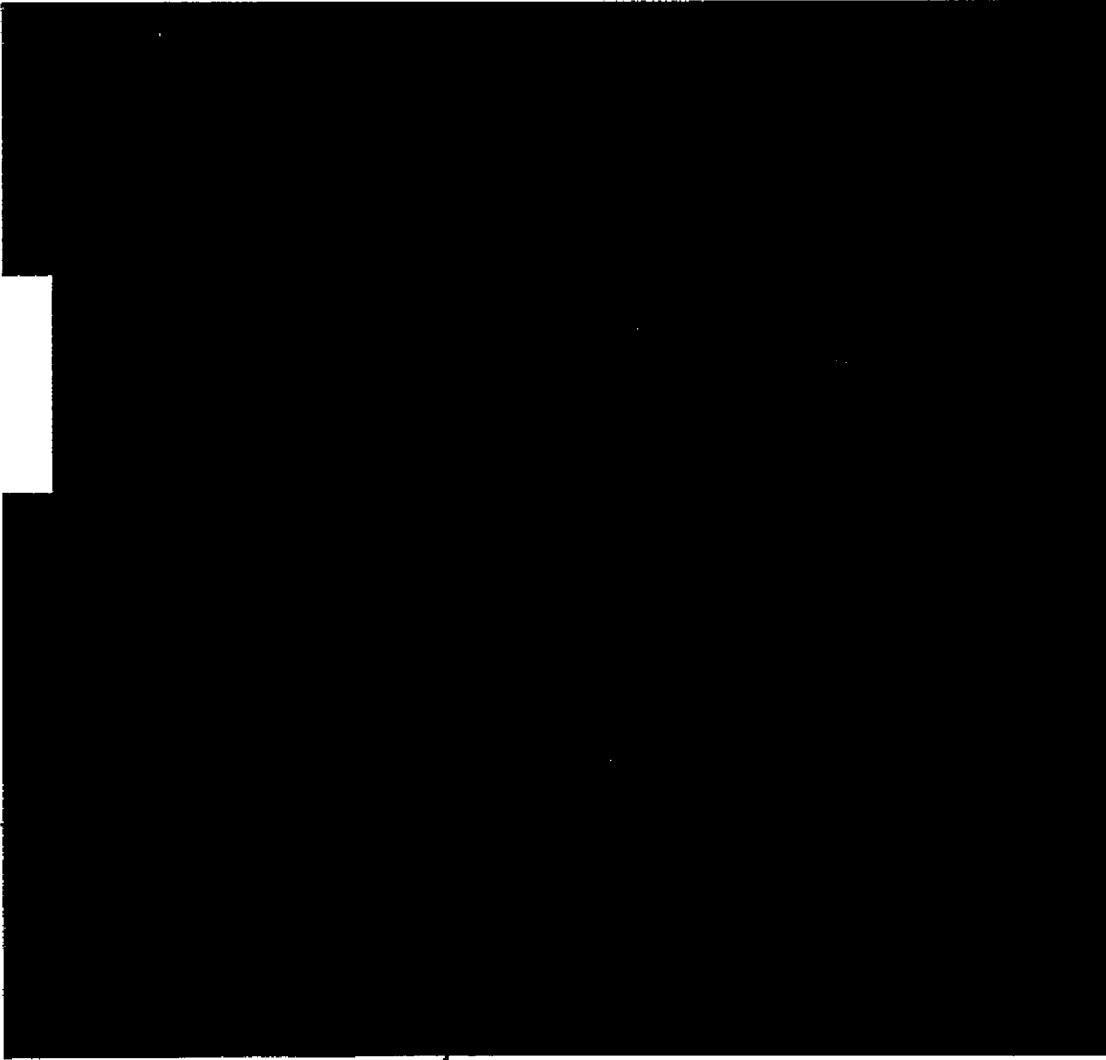
The Chilean Government has let stand a court ruling that provides considerable relief to 12 Christian Democratic Party leaders banished to the inhospitable northern province of Arica. While rejecting habeas corpus petitions, the court said the in-country exiles could choose their residence within the province, and all have now moved to a resort area on the coast. The Supreme Court president indicated, however, that

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had the government appealed, he would have ruled in favor of the contention that under state of siege powers, authorities can specify the banishment locale. The absence of a government appeal is probably to the credit of Chile's Ambassador to the US Casas, who probably made a strong plea for moderation in the case.



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